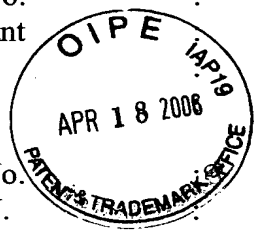


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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 13, 2006 (Paper No. 20051228). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 13, 2006. The required fee \$600.00 for independent claims in excess of three is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended abstract figures is attached following page 17 of this paper.

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